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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

W. Granville Hastings
Cincinnati, Ohio
1902

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FEBRUARY 12, 1809
DIED
APRIL 15, 1865





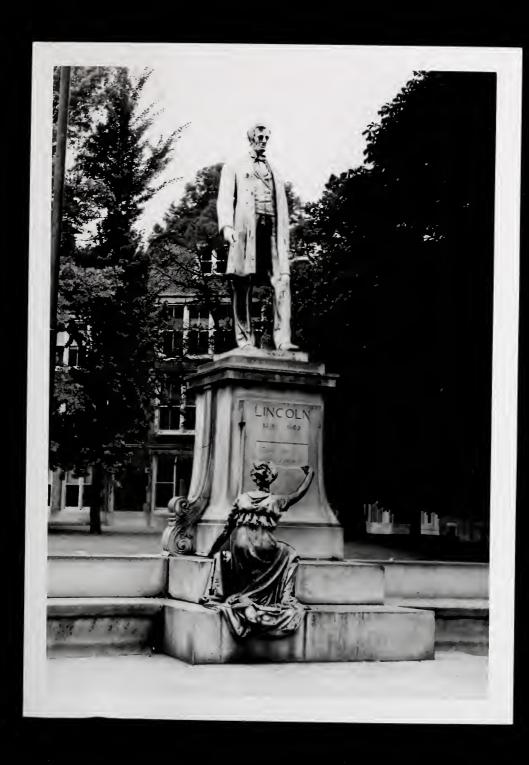
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A dignified Lincoln mounted on a high pedestal is to be found in the grounds of the Avendale School at Cincinnati, Ohio. Below him at the base of the pedestal is the figure of a woman also in bronze. She is kneeling and writing "With malice toward none," on the tablet.

The figure of Lincoln little more than life size, was presented to the city by Captain Charles Clinton who was active during the Civil War. The sculptor was W. Granville Hastings, and the work was dedicated in 1902.



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It has been very difficult to get exact information about the Hastings statue. W. Granville Hastings was the sculptor and the statue was the gift of Capt. Charles Clinton This you already knew.

date of the laying of the cornerstone of the (Hastings) Lincoln monument as December 9, 1902.

The Cincinnati Times-Star for Tuesday, Dec.23, 1902, contains the contemporary account of the dedication exercises and includes the following information: "At the conclusion of the exercises Dr. Goss announced that the contractors who had built the monument had lost \$1,200 on their work, thru unforeseen causes, and that subscriptions to reimburse them would be received."

Miss Rebecca Snyder, Assistant Principal of Avondale School (where the statue now stands, in the Avondale schoolyard at the corner of Rockdale and Reading Road) corroborates the statement that while the statue was the gift of Capt. Clinton, the pedestal was gotten by subscription.

A letter dated Aug.12, 1921, from Elzner & Anderson Architects, Cincinnati to Mr. Hodges, Librarian of the Cincinnati Public Library at that time, contains this information: "Our part of the work consisted in designing the pedestal and rostrum for the Hastings Lincoln statue; and supervising the erection."

Louis P. Ezekiel, in a letter to Miss Becker says, "The substructure of granite work was copied from Sir Alma Tadema."

This figure is also standing, but it is not of heroic proportions like the Barnard statue. In fact it is little more than life size, as is the bronze figure of the woman writing on the tablet below. She has written, "With malice toward none."



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